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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL UNIFORM SCHOOL
CALENDAR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-66q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Not later than April 1, 2014, each regional educational service
4 center shall develop a uniform regional school calendar to be used by
5 each local or regional board of education in the area served by such
6 regional educational service center, in accordance with the provisions
7 of subsections (b) and (c) of this section. Such uniform regional school
8 calendars shall be consistent with the guidelines for a uniform regional
9 school calendar developed pursuant to section 321 of public act 13-247,
10 and include five flexible days that allow a local or regional board of
11 education to deviate from such uniform regional school calendar. Not
12 later than April 1, 2014, each regional educational service center shall
13 submit such uniform regional school calendar to the State Board of
14 Education for approval. Not later than five days after such approval,
15 such regional educational service center shall submit such approved

16 uniform regional school calendar to the joint standing committee of the
17 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
18 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

19 (b) For the school years commencing July 1, 2014, and July 1, 2015, a
20 local or regional board of education may adopt the uniform regional
21 school calendar developed and approved pursuant to subsection (a) of
22 this section.

23 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for
24 the school year commencing July 1, 2016, and each school year
25 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall use the
26 uniform regional school calendar developed and approved pursuant to
27 subsection (a) of this section. For the school year commencing July 1,
28 2017, and each school year thereafter, if a local or regional board of
29 education fails to use such uniform regional school calendar, the
30 Commissioner of Education shall withhold from such board a sum
31 payable under section 10-266m in an amount equal to ten per cent of
32 such grant.

33 (2) A local or regional board of education may delay
34 implementation of the uniform regional school calendar until the
35 school year commencing July 1, 2017, if such board of education has an
36 existing employee contract that makes implementation of the uniform
37 regional school calendar impossible.

38 (d) (1) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Education
39 shall submit a report on the implementation of uniform regional school
40 calendars and any recommendations for legislation relating to such
41 implementation to the joint standing committee of the General
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in
43 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

44 (2) Not later than January 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016, the
45 Commissioner of Education shall submit a report on the
46 implementation of uniform regional school calendars in those school

47 districts that have adopted a uniform regional school calendar,
48 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and any recommendations
49 for legislation relating to such implementation to the joint standing
50 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
51 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
52 4a.

53 (3) Not later than January 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017, and annually
54 thereafter, the Commissioner of Education shall submit a report on (A)
55 the implementation of uniform regional school calendars, pursuant to
56 subsection (c) of this section, (B) any cost savings resulting from such
57 implementation, (C) the effectiveness of such implementation, and (D)
58 any recommendations for legislation relating to such implementation
59 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
60 cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the
61 provisions of section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	10-66q

Statement of Purpose:

To require uniform regional school calendars to include five flex days, to permit the Commissioner of Education to withhold ten per cent of a school district's transportation grant from any board of education that does not use the uniform regional school calendar, and to include an evaluation component in the report on the implementation of the uniform regional school calendar.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]